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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2003, please amend the
application as follows:

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In the Description

Page 4, Lines 13 to 16 change "A catch 40...each other." to

B1
--A catch 40 is fixedly mounted along a longitudinal axis in and of the upper tubular member 33 via a rivet or pin 41. In addition, the catch 40 has a stem 42 which projects into the lower tubular member 34 and which is fixed therein by a rivet or pin 43. This rivet or pin 43 allows the members 33, 34 to pivot relative to each other. --

Page 4, lines 26 to 31, change "Referring to ...catch 40." to

B2
-- Referring to Figs. 2 and 3, the tilt mechanism 30 also has a pin 48, which is mounted in the lower tubular member 34 transversely of and in the centrally disposed recess 44 of the catch 40 in order to lock the tubular members 33, 34 relative to each other. The pin 48 has ends which extend through elongated slots 49 in the lower tubular section 34. The pin 48 is thus moveable coaxially relative to the catch 40 along a longitudinal axis of the lower tubular member 34 in order to release the pin 48 from the recess 44 of the catch 40.